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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. NISHIDA et al (see attached)

For:
 REAGENT SETUP METHOD AND REAGENT
 SETUP PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

Enclosed are:

6 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-026291
 filed February 2, 2001 A certified copy is attached herewith.

Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
 discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

Specification: Abstract , Description 13 pages; and 9 claim(s).

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